

# **FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

**March 10, 2014**

## **A. CALL TO ORDER:**

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Ford County Board Room of the Ford County Jail in Paxton on Monday, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Rick Bowen.

## **B. ROLL CALL:**

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Pat Haskins, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Dave Hastings, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Randy Berger, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss and Elynor Stagen.

## **C. PROCLAMATION:**

Sheriff Doran

## **D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:**

Floyd Otto

## **E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mrs. Haskins moved that the February 10, 2014, board minutes be approved. Mr. Berger seconded it.  
Voice vote - carried

## **F. COMMUNICATIONS:**

## **G. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Randy Ferguson, representing the disbanded Ford County Community Economic Development Foundation, presented a \$9,000 check to the Paxton Foundation and a check for \$12,063 to the county board. The money needs to be used toward energy-efficiency projects.

Mr. Berger moved to seat Mr. McQuinn at 7:38 p.m. Mr. Lindgren seconded it. Voice vote carried.

## **H. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Mr. Berger moved to accept the monthly and annual reports of the County Clerk, Coroner, Supervisor of Assessments, Sheriff, EMA, Zoning and Highway and to place them on file. Mr. Otto seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## **I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:**

Cassy Taylor presented her report. There were 15 new adult cases filed and 6 adults in residential alcohol/drug treatment. There are 4 adults in residential or group home. The Ford County Probation Officer is on the Executive Committee for the Ford Co. Public Health IPLAN. All community partners are encouraged to attend the next IPLAN meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2 P.M. at the jail training room. A program was presented to the PBL 8<sup>th</sup> grade class on Dangers of Drug Use. Officers are completing their mandatory training hours, using webinars and teleconferences whenever feasible. Drug Court is working on process and outcome evaluations.

## **J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:**

Mrs. Evans presented her report. She said the judges are working out nicely. She said that they have been very busy dealing with order of protection issues.

## **K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:**

Treasurer Hastings presented her report. The county has a balance of \$431,695.93 as of February 28, 2014. The auditor is here working on last year's audit. The office sent out 103 mobile home tax bills. Hastings announced that she has received the last cash rent payment for the Ford County's farm lease, which totaled \$126,000. The farm lease will be up for bid this fall.

Mr. Berger moved to approve the Probation, Circuit Clerk and Treasurers monthly reports and to place them on file. Mr. Ferguson seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

## **L. OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS TO ADDRESS BOARD:**

## **M. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

## **N. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. Environment**

### **2. Finance**

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve payment of the General Fund bills including paying a bill to the Mool office firm for \$2,213. Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous  
(Mr. Hastings abstained from the Treasurers bills)

Mrs. Stagen moved to approve Resolution 14-08 (to surrender tax sale certificate for parcel # 10-12-10-276-005). Mr. Berger seconded it.

Roll Call - Unanimous

### **3. Highway**

Mr. Otto moved to approve payment of the Highway bills. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to adopt Resolution 14-09 (accepting the low bids for the township MFT letting). Hastings seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mr. Otto moved to oppose Senate bill 3263 and to send letters to the energy committee opposing the bill. Mr. Nuss seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

### **4. Insurance/Personnel**

### **5. Overview/Legislation.**

### **6. Sheriff**

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve the contract for County law Enforcement Services with the Village of Kempton. Mr. Lindgren seconded the motion.

Voice Vote – Carried

Mrs. Haskins moved to approve the Interagency Agreement Regarding Emergency Dispatching, etc. with the City of Paxton. Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Voice Vote – Carried

## 7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Berger moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Nuss seconded the motion. Voice Vote - Carried

## O. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:

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| 1. Mobile Region 8  | Doran/Lindgre         |
| 2. Union Affairs  | Haskins/Bowen/Stagen  |
| 3. Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority  | Stagen/Berger         |
| 4. 708 Board  | Mr. Berger            |
| 5. WIA  | Bowen/Hastings        |
| 6. Ford-Iroquois Board of Health  | Mrs. Stagen           |
| Mrs. Stagen informed that budgets from all departments were received. A list of full grants were provided.  |                       |
| 7. Regional Office of Education   | Bowen/Stagen          |
| 8. ECIEDD   | Mr. Ferguson          |
| 9. 9-1-1  | Mr. Johnson           |
| Mr. Johnson moved to adopt <b>Resolution 14-10 (ordaining a repeal of Addendum #268 to Resolution #225 determining that a surcharge should be increased from \$1.50 to \$1.95 per month for the purpose of continued operation of a 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System)</b> . Mr. Ferguson seconded it. |                       |
| 10. Zoning  | Roll Call - Unanimous |
| 11. CIRMA   | Mr. Johnson           |
| 12. Extension   | Bowen/Nuss/ McQuinn   |
| Next meeting is Monday March 17 <sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Onarga.   |                       |
| 13. E.M.A.  | Johnson/Hastings      |
|   | Mr. Higgins           |

## P. OLD BUSINESS:

## Q. NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Stagen moved to adopt **Resolution 14-11 ( re-appointing Robert Link to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term)**. Mr. Otto seconded it. Voice Vote – Carried

## R. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

## S. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:40 P.M.

## T. PROCLAMATION

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, April 14, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_